

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Texas' share of the funding for highway and bridge construction is expected to be approximately \$2.25 billion, based on the existing apportionment formula. Of that amount, 3 percent of the funds are set aside for the purposes described in Title 23, United States Code, §133(d)(2) (transportation enhancement activities).

Pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 11, Subchapter E, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) may allocate funds to the Texas Department of Transportation (department) for use on the state highway system for transportation enhancement activities that provide a safe, effective, and efficient movement of people and goods. The commission will also make funds available in a statewide competitive program that enhances the surface transportation systems and facilities within the state for the benefit of all users of those systems.

The department has identified a list of transportation enhancement projects, set forth in Exhibit A, that are eligible for funding under the ARRA. The majority of the projects are sponsor projects from previous transportation enhancement program calls. These projects meet all federal requirements and have been approved for funding by the commission. Two safety rest area projects selected by the Maintenance Division have also been included on the list. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has previously determined that these projects are eligible for funding under the transportation enhancement program. The list also includes a project identified in Rider 31 to the department's appropriations for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 (p. VII-28, General Appropriations Act, 2007) that has been deemed eligible for funding by FHWA.

FHWA recently issued a guidance document on funding, project selection, eligible activities, and other specific requirements to assist states in implementing the ARRA. The transportation enhancement projects set forth in Exhibit A meet the project selection requirements established by the ARRA and the corresponding FHWA guidelines. These projects will be ready to proceed to contract within the time requirements stipulated in the ARRA, meaning that all environmental requirements, design work, and right of way acquisition are sufficiently complete or underway to allow projects to proceed to construction or a development agreement to be executed.

All projects are subject to federal and state laws, including the provisions of the ARRA.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the transportation enhancement projects set forth in Exhibit A are hereby approved for funding under the provisions of the ARRA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executive director or the director's designee is authorized to proceed with project development and contract awards for the transportation enhancement projects described in Exhibit A, and to enter into any necessary agreements associated with these projects and activities.

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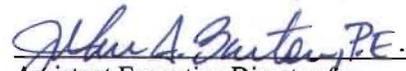
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the department shall track the progress of the transportation enhancement projects set forth in Exhibit A separately from other ongoing projects and place information regarding the status of these projects on the department's website.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the department shall issue a new program call for candidate transportation enhancement projects under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 11, Subchapter E.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Assistant Executive Director for
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Recommended by:


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Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

CSJ	District	County	ARRA Funds	Construction Value	Project Description	Region
0508-03-075	BMT	Chambers	15,500,000	15,500,000	Safety Rest Area	East
0912-71-545	HOU	Harris	1,802,304	3,765,662	West White Oak Bayou Trail	East
0912-71-802	HOU	Harris	1,156,972	1,250,135	OST & Griggs Road Landscaping	East
0166-01-041	DAL	Navarro	15,501,391	15,501,391	Safety Rest Area	North
0918-45-354	DAL	Dallas	4,075,114	7,329,298	Santa Fe Trestle Bridge Trail	North
0918-45-533	DAL	Dallas	470,932	620,000	Lancaster Historic District	North
0918-45-640	DAL	Dallas	1,324,690	1,567,355	LBJ/Skillman Ped. Bridge	North
0918-45-642	DAL	Dallas	582,240	653,789	Spring Valley/Coit Amenities	North
0918-24-040	DAL	Collin	975,650	1,850,000	Richardson Trail	North
0918-45-861	DAL	Dallas	1,700,000	2,550,000	McKinney Ave. Trolley Ext.	North
0196-07-027	DAL	Dallas	16,700,000	43,000,000	Additional funds for Woodall Rodgers Deck Plaza	North
0902-38-049	FTW	Parker	3,225,932	4,032,415	Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail	North
0902-48-338	FTW	Tarrant	475,315	594,338	N. Richland Hills Multi-Use Trail	North
0902-49-032	FTW	Erath	1,773,134	1,773,135	Bosque River Trail	North
0902-49-033	FTW	Erath	874,877	1,093,596	Dublin Pedestrian Parkway	North
0902-49-034	FTW	Erath	165,542	206,928	Historic Grist Mill	North
0914-04-191	AUS	Travis	1,996,261	3,257,787	Northern Walnut Creek Trail	South
0914-05-122	AUS	Williamson	545,478	830,000	Cottonwood Trail, Phase 2	South
0904-40-010	AMA	Sherman	1,934,274	2,600,000	Stratford Main Street Project	West
2552-04-035	ELP	El Paso	1,457,143	1,871,429	Stanton St. Bridge/Placita Park Land.	West
0907-24-028	SJT	Tom Green	1,200,000	1,200,000	Lone Wolf Historic Bridge/Ped. Bridge	West
			\$73,437,249	\$107,975,829		